



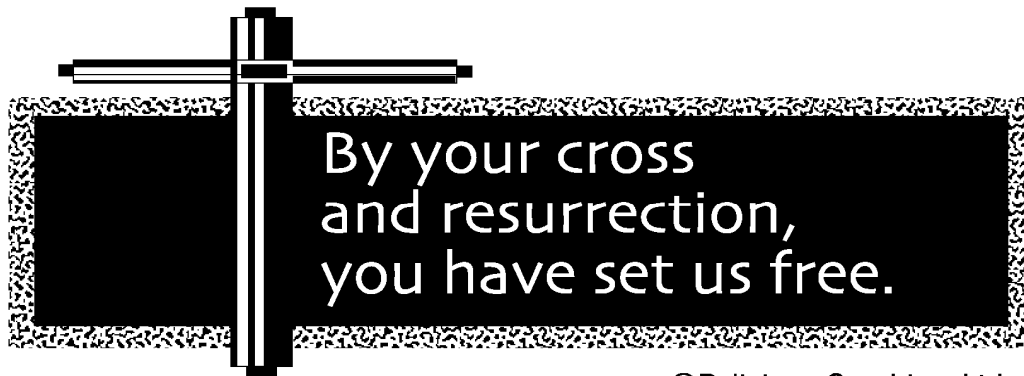
Until the Fat Lady Sings

You know the line about opera: “It ain’t over till the fat lady sings.” The same is true about Sunday Mass. And no, the “fat lady” is not the cantor. She’s us—all of us—the church! Sated (miraculously with just a morsel and a sip), stuffed on grace, a bit tired from sincere thanksgiving and sustained praise, the assembly has to finish this liturgy before it’s over. Would the cast leave before the final curtain? The orchestra before the finale? The team before the final buzzer or last out? At Mass, we are all the cast, all the orchestra, all the team.

The end of Mass comes quickly: After the silent reverie that follows Communion, there is a prayer and maybe a hymn. Some announcements follow, then a blessing and dismissal, perhaps a final song. So is it really asking too much of each other to see it through to the very end? Sure, you might be blocking in someone’s car in the parking lot. But if we all stay till the end, what difference does it make? Of course the little ones are antsy; we all are at this point. A few minutes more won’t hurt. (Nor will cries and squirming now.) And yes, not slipping out early means rubbing elbows with everyone, people jamming up at the doors and a procession of cars crawling out of the parking lot, but isn’t this a consequence of the Communion that we just shared? Isn’t this how we know that we are becoming what we have shared: the body of Christ, risen from the dead, going out into the world to give to others what has been given to us?

It’s a simple act of kindness—finishing the liturgy before leaving. And if we slow down just enough to finish our liturgy, maybe we’ll slowly learn to finish well other things in life, too. And when we learn to relish and not rush the end of things—the last minutes of a movie, the final words of a conversation, the last hand of cards and the final set of pins to knock down—what we are truly learning is to relish and not rush the end of our days—a final act of gratitude that gives God praise.

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Gospel for The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 14th)

Luke 10:25-37

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "*You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.*" He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live." But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

BEWARE OF TEXT SCAM!

Recently, there was a fraudulent text that was sent to a parishioner, supposedly from Fr. Tom. **Fr. Tom would never solicit funds through any electronic means!** These texts (and emails back in February) are fake and have nothing to do with Our Lady of Grace Church. Please report any of these kinds of electronic correspondences to the police and to Jay in the Parish Office at 537-0806. God Bless and be safe!

NO MASSES AT THE FRIARY

This week, **July 8th -12th**, our Franciscan priests will be away in San Diego. There will be no Masses at the Friary. We thank you for your understanding.



THANK YOU FROM VBS!

We are VERY GRATEFUL for all the snack donations that poured in during VBS especially the generosity of those who donated gift cards from Costco and various grocery stores. We were able to buy fresh produce to serve with the snacks each day for over 70 kids and teen leaders. GOD IS SO GOOD!

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
2019-2020**



Registration for Sacrament Preparation & Whole Family Catechesis is available now and classes will begin in September. The registration form is available in the Parish Office and on our website: <http://www.olgcv.org>. Online registration is also available by going to our website and clicking on the Faith Formation box. Cost is \$100 for the 1st child & \$50 for each additional child. All children are welcome!

Whole Family Catechesis (K-5th grade)

1st day of class: September 8th
10:50am - 12:30pm

Middle School Catechesis (6th-8th grade)

1st day of class: September 8th
10:50am - 12:30pm

First Holy Communion

1st day of class: September 15th
10:50am - 12:30pm

Youth Ministry & Confirmation

1st day of class: September 8th
6:00pm-8:00pm



**REBUILD MY CHURCH
BISHOP'S APPEAL 2019**

Many thanks to those parishioners who have already generously contributed towards our Annual Bishop's Appeal. We are off to a great start but have a ways to go! Following is the status of our Annual Bishop's Appeal through **June 15th**:

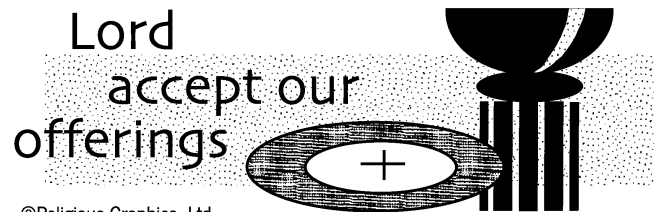
\$ 19,198.00—Actual Donations Received

Our Goal for 2019: \$29,000.00

of Acknowledged Donors to date: 118

Funds Raised (includes pledges) \$26,199.00

We are currently at **90%** of our goal for this year's Bishop's Appeal!



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School Supplies Needed

FESCO BACKPACK DRIVE

As you know, every summer FESCO, (Family Emergency Shelter Coalition), sponsors a backpack drive that our church generously supports. This drive supplies the children of the FESCO families with school supplies they will need for the upcoming academic year. We are hoping that you will consider participating in this event.

If you would like to participate, we are asking you to “adopt” a student. An organization has generously agreed to donate backpacks, so you would just need to provide the supplies for a backpack. For the student you “adopt,” we will give you a specific list of grade-appropriate supplies attached to a paper bag in which you can put the supplies. After all the supply bags are turned in, we will transfer the supplies to the donated backpacks. We estimate that all of the needed supplies for a backpack will cost \$30 – \$50 depending on the grade level and where you shop.

You may sign up at the entrances to the church after the Masses on the weekends of **July 13th - 14th or July 20th - 21st, if bags remain. You need to return your bag of supplies to the Church or Parish Office on or before Sunday, August 4th.** (Church Office is closed on weekends.) God Bless & thank you for your generosity!



ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIAL DONORS

We deeply thank the following donors who have given generously towards sponsoring our Altar Candle Memorial.

Given By:	In Memory of / In Honor of:
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**WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY
The Acts of the Apostles**

The Acts of the Apostles provides us more than a history of the First Christians - it is the story about the Early Church with the Holy Spirit as the protagonist. Christ did not leave His Apostles alone - He sent the Holy Spirit to guide, instruct and equip them. Enrich and deepen your faith as you learn how the Apostles continued Christ's mission on earth through the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Join us for *Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom* in Stack Center, OLG Room, beginning **September 10th** at 7:00pm and continuing every other Tuesday for 20 Sessions. Cost is \$33. For more information or to register for the study, please contact Jay at the Parish Office at 537-0806 or Heidi Denzler-Halsey at 510-881-7850 or heidimdh106@gmail.com. Last day to register is **August 15th**.

ICF PICNIC

Come join the fun with the ICF for an old-fashioned picnic on **Thursday, July 11th** in Stack Center. Doors will open at 6:00pm and the picnic will begin at 6:30 pm. Menu includes: hot dogs with condiments, salads and desserts plus beverages. For reservations, please call Juanita at 510-582-7242, deadline is **Monday, July 8th**. Hope to see many of you there!

**COFFEE & DONUTS
SUMMER SCHEDULE**

For the months of **July and August**, Coffee & Donuts will be offered the 1st Sundays of the month. We thank you for your understanding.



SUNDAY COLLECTION

Stewardship of treasure involves trust in God. You have to really believe in God's Providence and trust that if you give 10% of your income to the Church and charity, for example, God will help you live on the rest.

Offerings of June 30th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,305.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,038.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [733.00]
Year-to-date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [14,919.00]

May God bless your continuing generosity.



Your Prayers Are Requested

Please lift up in your prayer those many among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

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| Glen Alcorn | Rose Montalban |
| Maria Bettencourt | Mona Mulvaney |
| Maureen Boeh | Angela Schaaphok |
| Peggy Burton | Florence Sharp |
| Ana Cochran | Rosemary Slater |
| Lynn Franks | Howard Songey |
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Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

FRED DORADO

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE



**PARISH PICNIC AT
LAKE CHABOT PARK
AUGUST 11TH**

Our Annual Parish Picnic will be taking place **August 11th** in the Cove Picnic Area at Lake Chabot Park. Mass in the Park will begin at 10:00am, followed by lunch and games from 12:00pm-3:00pm. Please RSVP to the Parish Office with the number of adults and children attending, as well as what dish you're bringing to share.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THUNDER VALLEY CASINO TRIP
SATURDAY, JULY 27th**

Join the St. Maximilian Kolbe Council 16770 Knights of Columbus for a fun day at Thunder Valley Casino Resort. We will travel by chartered bus from Castro Valley to Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, CA. (near Sacramento) Tickets are \$35.00 per person, you will receive a \$12.00 food coupon and a \$15.00 gaming coupon upon arrival. Enjoy Finger Tip BINGO, 50/50 Raffle and other games during the trip (\$5.00 per game). Departure will be from OLG at 7:30am, with return approximately 5:30pm. Tickets are available from any member of the Council. contact Dwight Speir at dwrightmv700@aol.com for information or tickets.

BINGO NIGHT - JULY 10TH

The Knights of Columbus is hosting BINGO games on the **2nd Wednesday of each month**. Enjoy a variety of fun BINGO games on shutter cards. 50/50 Blackout game will be on paper BINGO sheets, BINGO Daubers and \$100 minimum winners pot. Progressive BINGO game each month! Doors open at 6:00pm at Stack Center.

THE ALTAR SOCIETY CAN USE YOUR HELP

We are in need of 1 or 2 women to take turns doing the Holy Laundry. Rotation is about once every 5 or 6 weeks. If you can help in this ministry, please contact Luz Estella or leave a message at the Parish Office at 537-0806. Thank you!



**SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING
DURING THE SUMMER**

While you are away on summer trips, you can still stay up-to-date on your giving and continue your weekly offering through the summer months! Visit our parish website at www.olgcv.org and select "Online Giving" at the top of the screen to register and get instructions on how to make offerings online. If you need help, contact Colleen at 537-0806 or email: clindberg@olgcv.org

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

Candles for our candle stand are available for purchase in the Parish Office or in the Sacristy after Mass on Sundays. The candles will burn for 5 days. The cost per candle is \$4.00. The glass globes in the candle stand must be left in the church.



THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 7th:

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee & Donuts
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

Tuesday, July 9th:

Men's Faith Share
7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, July 10th:

Bingo
6:00pm--Stack Center

Thursday, July 11th

Adoration
7:00pm--Church
AA Serenity Group
7:30pm--Augustine Center, Room A2

Sunday, July 14th:

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

New Parishioner Registration
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

**2020 PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND,
CZECH REPUBLIC & GERMANY
August 11th - 21st, 2020**

The Passion Play of Oberammergau

The Passion Play takes place only once every 10 years. The summer of 2020 will be the last opportunity to see this world-famous play until the year 2030. **Don't miss this chance to experience the Passion Play of Oberammergau.** The price for this 11-day pilgrimage is \$4649 per person and includes RT air from SF, 1st class/select hotels, 1st class admission tickets for the Oberammergau Passion Play, most meals, sightseeing & more. Book early! Please contact Heidi Denzler-Halsey at 510-881-7850 or heidimdh106@gmail.com for more details.

QUO VADIS YOUTH RETREAT

The Seminarians of the Diocese of Oakland will be hosting a **Quo Vadis Day** on **Monday, July 22nd** from 9:30-6:30pm at the Diocese of Oakland Youth Retreat Center in Lafayette. This day of gathering is open to young men ages 13-18 and the cost is \$20. To register or for more information, please email Cielo Barroso-Branco at cbranco@oakdiocese.org or call 510-267-8356.

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, July 7th

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Rudy & Augie Enriquez--D

9:30am Helen Maes--D

MONDAY, July 8th

8:15am Dennis Oman--D

TUESDAY, July 9th

St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions, Martyrs

8:15am Luis Martinez--D

WEDNESDAY, July 10th

8:15am Jack E. & Mary Jane Dexter--D

THURSDAY, July 11th

St. Benedict, Abbot

8:15am Lilia Sousa--D

FRIDAY, July 12th

8:15am Larry La Brie--D

SATURDAY, July 13th

St. Henry

8:15am Antonio Capote--L

5:00pm Norma Wardle--D

SUNDAY, July 14th

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Gerry Erwin--L

9:30am Lee Shilts--D

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 8th through July 14th

Monday: Genesis 28:10-22; Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday: Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday: Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24; Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday: Genesis 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15

Friday: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday: Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26; Matthew 10:24-33

Sunday: Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

We are grateful for the generous donation from Joe Babel to the Flower Fund in memory of Donna Babel.

Flower donation envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church to make a donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one or other occasion. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jay at 537-0806. Your donation in honor of your loved one will be mentioned in the bulletin.

SCRIP ORDER FORMS ARE HERE!

You can purchase SCRIP gift cards and spend it at local stores where you already shop. SCRIP cards (at face value) help Our Lady of Grace's Evangelization Program earn 2%-17% per certificate. Stop by the Parish office and look over the list. This is a great fundraiser for the church. Orders placed on the 1st & 3rd week of the month will be ready for pick-up on the 2nd & 4th week of the month. Payment is due at the time of your order. Forms are available at the back of the church or in the Parish Office. Questions? Please contact the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Join us every Saturday for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:15am Mass, and every Thursday at 7:00pm in the Church.

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